

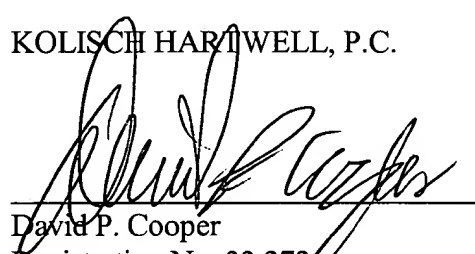
REMARKS

Responsive to the final Office action, applicant has canceled without prejudice claims 4 and 10-11, and has amended claim 12 by rewriting it in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The above amendment renders moot the Examiner's §102(e) rejection of claims 4, 10 and 11 based upon U.S. Patent No. 5,752,054 to Garber et al.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of pending claim 12. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

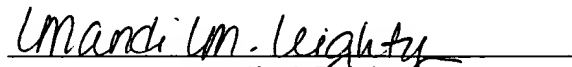
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